

*Some Considerations*

*Of Mr. Nic. Mercator, concerning the Geometrick and direct Method of Signior Cassini for finding the Apogees, Excentricities, and Anomalies of the Planets; as that was printed in the Journal des Scavans of Septemb. 2. 1669: which Considerations are here delivered in the Latine Tongue, wherein they were written by the Author, as chiefly regarding the Learn'd in Astronomy, viz.*

*Clarissimi Cassini Methodus*

*Investigandi Apogea, Excentricitates & Anomalias Planetarum, breviter Exposita & Demonstrata.*

**S**upponit Cl. *Cassini*, ad Planetam in Ellipsi moventem extendi ab utroque foco duas rectas, quarum altera sit medii, altera autem veri motus linea. Constructio porro talis est;

<i>Fig. II.</i> L est Centrum Concentrici ABCDE.	R HG est linea recta.
B LD est Diameter.	B I est perpendicularis ad R HG.
B A, B C, B P, sunt intervalla apparetia.	I est Centrum Ellipseos.
D E, D F, D Q, sunt intervalla mediorum motuum.	L I est Excentricitas.
B E, B F, B Q; item DA, DC, DP, sunt lineæ rectæ.	I O = L I.
B E secat DA in H; BF secat DC in G; B Q secat DP in R.	O est focus, circa quem ordinatur medius motus; L, circa quem verus.
	I M = I N = LB.
	M est Apogeon; N, Perigeon; BLM Anomalia vera.

*Demonstratio.*

*I.* Illustrissimus ac Reverendiss. Sethus Wardus, quondam in Celeberr. Acad. Oxon. Professor Astronomiae Savilianus, nunc Episcopus Sarisburiensis, in *Examine Astronomiae Philolaicae*, edito Oxon. A. 1653. c. 6. docuit Methodum, ex data Anomalia media Planetarum, investigandi veram; quæ est hujusmodi:

*Fig. III.* C, est Centrum Ellipseos AEP: F, focus, circa quem ordinatur medius motus. S, focus, circa quem ordinatur verus motus. A, Apogeon. P, Perigeon, E, Erro sive Planeta. AIE, Anomalia media. ASE, Anomalia vera. FET, linea recta, ET = SE. ST est linea recta.

In  $\triangle$  SFT dantur, 1. SF distantia focorum: 2. FT = FE + ES = AP. 3. AFT, angulus externus, sive Anomalia media, æqualis summae angularum FST & T. Ergo inveniri potest FSE, sive Anomalia vera, æqualis differentiæ Angularum FST & T. Nimurum

Vt

Ut semi-summa laterum F T & F S, ad semi-differentiam eorundem;

Ita Tangens semi-summæ angulorum F S T & T, ad Tangentem semi-differentiæ eorundem.

Sed semi-summa laterum F T & F S invenitur, substituendo pro F T æqualem AP, cuius semis est AC, qui additus C S semissi ipsius F S, facit Semi-summam AS, distantiam Planetae maximam.

Tum, si ex semi-summa A S auferatur latus minus F S, restat semi-differentia laterum F A, æqualis PS, distantiae Planetae minimæ; ut sit

*Regula ex Anomalia Media data inveniendi veram:*

Ut A S, distantia Planetae maxima, ad PS, distantiam minimam;

Ita Tangens dimidiæ Anomalie mediæ, ad Tangentem dimidiæ Anomalie veræ.

*Corollar. I.* Si continuetur S E usque ad U, ita ut E U sit  $\equiv$  ipsi F E, & tota S U  $\equiv$  Axi AP; erit  $\triangle$  FSU angulus U semis Prostaphæreos F E S, ideoque æqualis semi-differentiæ angulorum Anomalie mediæ & veræ, h.e. ipsorum A F E & A S E; & externus A F U  $\equiv$  semi-summæ eorundem A F E & A S E angulorum, ablata scil. semi-differentiæ U F E ex majori AFE. Unde oriuntur duæ Analogiæ:

1. Ut Sinus semi-summæ Anomalie mediæ & veræ A F U, ad Sinum semi-differentiæ eorundem, U; Ita S U ( $\equiv$  axi transverso A P) ad S F, distantiam focorum.

2. Ut Sinus semi-summæ Anomalie mediæ & veræ, A F V, ad Sinum Anomalie veræ F S U; Ita S U (vel axis A P) ad F U, subtensam Anomalie veræ: Ita quoque semi-axis A C, ad semi-subtensam U X, vel F X.

*Corollar. II.* Si in eodem Triangulo FSU, ex subtensiæ F U puncto medio X, erigatur perpendicularis X E; secabit illa S U in duas partes, quarum altera U E  $\equiv$  linea medii motus F E, altera vero SE est ipsa linea veri motus.

*II. Fig. IV.* Sit a Centrum Con- |  $cdb$ , est Angulus dimidiæ Anomalie  
centrici cbfi. | veræ, &

c ad, Diameter, eadémque linea |  $dci$ , Angulus dimidiæ Anomalie  
Apsidum.

cb, Arcus Anomalie veræ, cui re- |  $ci$  &  $dh$  sunt lineæ rectæ, secantes  
spondet

di, Arcus Anomalie mediæ. Itaque | se mutuo ing.

Ab Intersectionis punto g demittatur ad cd perpendicularis g b. Erit igitur,

$db \cdot bg :: \text{Radius ad tang. } bdg \text{ vel } cdh$ .

Et  $cb \cdot bg :: \text{Rad. tang. } bcg \text{ vel } dc i$ .

Ergo

Ergo  $db \times \text{tang. } cdh = bg \times \text{Rad.} = cb \times \text{tang. } dc i.$

Quare  $db \cdot cb :: \text{tang. } dc i \cdot \text{tang. } cdh$ ; hoc est,  $db$  erit ad  $cb$ , ut tangens dimidiæ Anomalie mediæ ad tangentem dimidiæ Anomalie veræ; adeoque (per Regulam supra expositam) ut distantia Planetæ maxima, ad distantiam minimam. Quare obrem  $db$  erit distantia Planetæ maxima, &  $cb$ , minimæ, &  $ab$ , excentricitatì.

Cumque idem eodem modo demonstretur de ceteris omnibus Intersectionum punctis, nimis. Perpendiculares ab ipsis ad  $cd$  lineam incidere in punctum  $b$ ; oportet, ut recta, jungens ipsas Intersectiones, congruat perpendiculari  $bgf$ .

*III.* Ductâ diametro  $hak$ , fiat arcus  $k l = \text{arcui } id$ , & ducantur  $kc$  &  $hl$ , secantes se mutuo in  $p$ . Ab  $h$  in  $bgf$  demittatur perpendicularis  $hr$ , eadēque parallela Apsidum lineæ  $ca$ ; erit angulus  $r hs$  semi-differentia arcuum Anomalie veræ  $ch$ , & mediæ  $di$ . Tum ab eodem  $h$  puncto ducatur recta  $h\beta$ , faciens cum  $kh$  angulum  $=$  angulo  $r hs$ , & occurrentis lineæ Apsidum in  $\beta$ . Erit  $\Delta i a \beta h$  angulus  $\beta a h$  mensura arcus  $ch$ , sive Anomalie veræ, &  $\beta h a$  semi-differentia Anomalie veræ & mediæ (ex Constructione;) & externus  $c \beta h$  (æqualis duobus internis & oppositis  $\beta ah$  &  $\beta ha$ , adeoque compositus ex Anomalia vera & semi-differentia ejus à media) erit semi-summa Anomalie veræ & mediæ. Ergo, per *Collarum I<sup>mi</sup>* Analogiam priorem; Ut Sinus  $c \beta h$ , ad Sinum  $\beta h a$ ; ita Radius  $a h$ , ad Excentricitatem  $a^2$ . Sed supra demonstravimus quoque  $ab$  æqualem Excentricitatì. Ergo punctum  $\beta$  congruit puncto  $b$ .

Tum ex  $b$  excitetur ipsis  $hb$  perpendicularis  $bt$ ; Aio, hanc continuatam incidere in punctum Intersectionis  $p$ . Nam Triangula  $r hs$  &  $bkt$  sunt similia, ex Constructione; quemadmodum &  $\Delta m hpk$  simile est  $\Delta o hgi$ , cum eidem peripheriæ  $ch$  insistentes anguli  $p kh$  &  $ghi$  sint æquales, nec non æqualibus peripheriis  $kl$  &  $id$  insistentes anguli  $p hk$  &  $ghi$  æquales; quare & tertius  $hpk$  æqualis est tertio  $hgi$ . Et ex æqualibus  $p hk$  &  $ghi$  ablatis æqualibus  $bht$  &  $r hs$ , restant æquales  $p hb$  &  $ghr$ . Vnde sic arguo:  $srb = t bh$ , &  $r hs = bht$ , Ergo  $hsr = btb$ ; ergo & Complementa horum ad semi-circulum sunt æqualia, nimis.  $rsi = btk$ ; &  $sig = tkp$ , Ergo &  $igs = kpt$ , quibus ablatis ex æequalibus  $igh$ , &  $kph$ , restat  $hgs = hpt$ ; &  $ghr = phb$ , Ergo &  $hrg = hbp$ . Sed  $hrg$  est rectus, Ergo &  $hbp$  rectus est. Cum vero &  $hbt$  rectus sit ex Constructione, erit  $t b$  in directum ipsi  $bp$ . Cumque idem eodem modo demonstretur de quavis alia Intersectione linearum ab  $b$  &  $k$  ad congruentia Anomalie veræ & mediæ puncta ductarum; patet, non modò rectam, jungentem intersectiones, transituram per  $b$  punctum; sed &  $kb$ , lineam perpendiculararem fore ad eandem Jungentem. q.e.dem.

*Corollarium.* Si à quovis punto Anomalie veræ, puta  $b$ , ad respondens punctum Anomalie mediae  $i$  ducatur recta  $hi$ ; excitata ē Centro Excentrici  $b$ , ipsi  $c b d$  perpendicularis  $bf$  secabit ipsam  $bi$  in  $s$  eā ratione, qnam linea medii motū obtinet ad lineam veri motū.

Nam per *Corollarii I<sup>mi</sup>* Analogiam posteriorem,  $hb$  est semi-subtensa; Ergò per *Corollarium II<sup>um</sup>*, perpendicularis erecta ex  $b$ , nimir.  $bt$ , secat diametrum  $hk$  in  $t$  eā ratione, qnam linea medii motū obtinet ad lineam veri motū. Ergò &  $rs$  (sive  $bf$ ) secat  $bi$  lineam eadem ratione in  $s$ ; propter demonstratam modò figurarum  $t b h k p h b$  &  $s r b i g h r$  similitudinem.

Cæterū ex laudata superius Reverendiss. Wardi Methodo inveniendi primam inæqualitatem, non est difficile, alium adhuc modum investigandi Apogea & Excentricitates, non minùs directum & Geometricum, & Observationes quovis admittentem, producere; quem & paucis expōnam. Plures modos invenient Astrophili in Reverendiss. Viri *Astronomia Geometrica*, edita A. 1656, ad quam eos remitto. Interim

*Fig. V.* Sint  $l$  &  $d$  duo foci Ellipseos;  $t$  &  $u$  duo puncta veri motū Planetæ; arcus Ellipseos  $t u$  ex  $l$  spectatus sub angulo  $t lu$ , & ex  $d$ , sub angulo  $t du$ ; item distantia focorum  $ld$  ex  $t$  spectatus sub angulo  $dtl$ , & ex  $u$ , sub angulo  $dtu$ : Aio, differentiam angulorum  $t lu$ ,  $t du$ , a qualem esse differentię angulorum  $dtl$  &  $dtu$ .

Cū enim trianguli  $lux$  tres anguli simul sumpti æquales sint trianguli  $dtx$  tribus angulis simul sumptis; si auferantur utrinque æquales  $lxu$  &  $dxt$ , reliquorum duorum summa  $ulx + lux$  erit = summæ reliquorum  $tdx + dtx$ , & ab his æqualibus summis si auferantur inæquales, v. g.  $ulx$  ex priori, &  $tdx$  ex posteriori, reliquorum,  $lux$  &  $dtx$ , differentia = est differentię ablatorum  $ulx$  &  $tdx$ ; quod erat propositum.

Centro  $l$ , intervallo axis transversi  $mn$ , describatur Circulus  $abc$ , cuius arcus  $ab$  rursus ex  $l$  spectatur sub angulo  $alb$ , & ex  $d$ , sub angulo  $adb$ ; item distantia focorum  $ld$  ex  $a$  spectatur sub angulo  $lad$ , & ex  $b$ , sub angulo  $lbd$ . Ergò rursus differentia angulorum  $alb$  &  $adb$  = est differentię angulorum  $lad$  &  $lbd$ . Sed per *Coroll. I.* angulus  $lad$  semis est anguli  $lad$ , & angulus  $lbd$  semis anguli  $lt d$ . Ergò horum angulorum  $lad$  &  $lbd$  differentia = est semi-differentię angulorum  $lad$  &  $lt d$ ; ergò & angulorum  $alb$  &  $adb$  differentia = est semi-differentię angulorum  $ult$  &  $ndt$ , quorum prior est intervallum apparenſ duarum Observationum, posterior autem, intervallum motū medii. Datā igitur horum intervallorum differentiā, datur quoque hujus (*differentia*) semis, nimir. differentia angulorum  $alb$  &  $adb$ . Sed  $alb$  idem est cum  $ul$  dato; Ergo datur quoque  $adb$  angulus, sub quo peripheria  $ab$  spectatur ex  $d$ .

Simili modo ostendetur, differentiam angulorum  $tly$  &  $tdy$  æqualem esse summæ angulorum  $lt d$  &  $lyd$ ; nec non differentiam angulorum  $b1c$  &  $bdc$  esse summæ angulorum  $lbd$  &  $lcd$ . Cumque  $lbd$  semis sit ipsius  $lt d$ , &  $lcd$  semis ipsius  $lyd$ ; erit sanè summa ipsorum  $lbd$  &  $lcd$  semi-summæ angulorum  $lt d$  &  $lyd$ , hoc est, differentia angulorum  $b1c$  &  $bdc$  erit semi-differentia angulorum  $tly$  &  $tdy$ , quorum prior est intervallum apprens duarum Observationum, posterior autem, intervallum motus medii. Quare, data horum intervallorum differentia, datur quoque hujus semis, nimir. differentia angulorum  $b1c$  &  $bdc$ . Sed  $b1c$  idem est cum  $tly$  dato; Ergo datur quoque  $bdc$  angulus, sub quo peripheria  $bc$  spectatur ex  $d$ .

Unde liquet, ex datis intervallis Observationum mediis & apparentibus, dari angulos, sub quibus ex  $d$  spectantur Circuli  $abc$  peripheriae quotvis, interceptæ à lineis veri motus. Ergo, per *Herigoni Theor. Plan. I. I. c. 3. Prop. 12. Schol. 1.* totidem Circuli segmenta describi possunt, capacia angulorum, sub quibus isti arcus conspiciuntur ex  $d$ , quæ segmenta omnia se mutuo intersecabunt in  $d$ . Possunt igitur & hac Methodo inveniri Apogea & Excentricitates Planetarum, delineatione Geometricâ, adhibitis Observationibus quotvis; nec difficilis est, Circulos ducere, quam lineas rectas.

Sed ut demus id, quod verum est, Clarissimi Cassini delineationem Geometricam non-nihil expeditorem esse; verendum est interim, ne, si *Æxploratio Astronomiæ* expetitam sectemur, Diagrammata requirat enormous magnitudinis, adeoque operosior evadat, quam ipse Calculus. Ad hunc autem accedentes, utramque Methodum æquipollere comprehenderemus.

Adhibeamus enim ex Observationibus *Tychonicis* tres, quæ Dom. Cassini Diagrammati quodammodo consentiant; nimir. Observationem A, cum An. 1604, Mart. 28 d. 16 h. 23 m. Mars observatus fuit in  $\approx 18 g. 37 m. 10 s.$  B, cum An. 1587, Mart. 6 d. 7 h. 23 m. idem Planeta visus fuit in  $\approx 20 g. 43 m. 0 s.$  Denique C, cum An. 1600 Jan. 18 d. 14 h. 2 m. comprehenderetur in  $\approx 8 g. 38 m. 0 s.$  Est igitur inter A & B intervallum apprens  $22 g. 54 m. 10 s.$  & huic respondens medium  $25 g. 58 m. 40 s.$ ; at inter B & C intervallum apprens  $47 g. 5 m. 0 s.$  & medium  $56 g. 21 m. 57 s.$  Itaque

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*Methode Cassini, Fig. II.*

1. In Triangulo DBH,

Dantur DB 10,00000

DBH 12 | 99

BDH 11 | 45

Quæritur BH 9,68106

2. In Triangulo DBG.

Dantur DB 10,00000

DBG 28 | 18

B DG 23 | 54

Quær. BG 9,70653

3. In Triangulo HBG.

Dantur BH 9,68106

B G 9,70653

H BG 41 | 17

Quær. B GH 64 | 95

Cujus Compl. GBI 25 | 05

Si auferas ex GBD 28 | 18

Restat IBD vel IBL 3 | 13

4. In Triangulo GB I.

Dantur BG 9,70653

GIB 90

GBI 25 | 05

Quær. BI 9,66363

5. In Triangulo IBL.

Dantur BI 9,66363

BL (semis τε BD) 9,69897

IBL 3 | 13

Quær. BLI 32 | 31 An. vera  
& LI, 8,67284, Ex-  
centricitas.

*Methode Herigoni, Fig. V.*

1. In Triangulo dbb,

Dantur db 10,00000

adb externus 24 | 44

bhd 11 | 45

Quær. bh 10,31894

2. In Triangulo dbg,

Dantur db 10,00000

cdb externus 51 | 72

bgd 23 | 54

Quær. bg 10,29347

3. In Triangulo hbg,

Dantur bh 10,31894

bg 10,29347

hbh 41 | 17

Quær. bbg (vel bbi) 64 | 95 = bsg

Et hib = sgb = 90

Ergo hbi = gbs = 25 | 05

Ex gbi = gbs + sbi (= hbg - hbi) = 16 | 12

Aufer dbb = hbi - dbi = 12 | 99

Restat gbs + sbi - hbi + dbi = sbd (vel dbl) 3 | 13

4. In Triangulo gbs

Dantur bg 10,29347

bg s 90

gbs 25 | 05

Quær. bs 10,33637

5. In Triangulo dbl,

Dantur bd 10,00000

bl (semis τε bs) 10,03534

dbl 3 | 13

Quær. bld 32 | 31 Anom. vera

Et ld 9,00926 Excentricitas.

Nimir. Ut Fig. II. BL 9,69897, ad LI, 8,67284;  
Ita Fig. V. bl 10,03534, ad ld 9,00926.

Ex loco apparenti secundæ Observationis  
auferatur angulus Anomalie veræ BLI  
Restat locus Apogei

s.	g.	m.	sec.
5	25	43	0
1	2	18	36
4	23	24	24

Erat autem revera ævo *Tychonis Apogeon Martis* in  $\Omega$   $28\frac{1}{2}$  d., à quo deficit iste locus, calculo inventus, solidis quinque gradibus. Porro, Ut B L 9, 69897, } Ita 5,18290 Log-us 152369 distantia med. ðtis, ad L I 8,67284; } ad 4,15677 Log-um 14347 Excentricitatis ðtis.

Est autem vera Excentric. ðtis 14179, quam ista, calculo inventa, excedit  $16\frac{8}{9}$  particulis.

Cæterum in ratiocinio secundum utramque Methodum instituto notare licet non modò perpetuam Triangulorum similitudinem, sed & Epilogismi congruentiam; ne quis Apogei & Excentricitatis sic inventæ à vero discrepantiam censeat errori Calculi imputandam. Sed nec Observationum viatio contingit; quas in dubium vocare nil aliud foret, quām principia in Astronomia negare. Itaque restat, ut Hypothesin excutiamus.

Et *Ellipticæ* quidem Orbitæ Inventio sine controversia *Keplero* debetur; sed quibus Accelerationis & Retardationis gradibus incedant Planetæ, definire, non minus pertinet ad integrandam Hypothesin, quām ipsius Orbitæ determinatio. Quanquam autem ex Cl. *Cassini* (vel Interpretis ejus) sermone id nusquam apparet; attamen ex Constructione Problematis, & ejus Analysi, manifestum est, eum supponere, Planetam ex foco superiori videri prorsus æquabili motu incedere. Fuit sanè, cum idem ex illis *Kepleris*, quod ejus Scripta evolventibus liquere potest. Sed cum id Observationibus nequaquam congruere animadverteret, mutavit sententiam, & lineam veri motū Planetæ æqualibus temporibus æquales areas Ellipticas verrere professus est: Punctum autem, ex quo Planeta exactè æquabili motu procedere videtur, nullum omnino extare in hoc Universo, nisi id libratile statuere libeat. Nulli interim puncto propriū æquabilem videri incessum Planetæ, quām ipsi foco superiori Ellipseos. Neque inventus fuit hactenus, qui areas *Kepleri* phænomenis satisfacere posse negaret; sed, cum eas Calculo directo exhibere nec ipse nec post eum quisquam potuerit, causati sunt nonnulli, *Keplerum*, nimis indulgentem causis *Physicis*, à *Geometria* diversum abiisse; quasi causæ physicæ repugnant Geometriæ, aut minus Geometricum sit Problema, quod, nullā impacta physicarum causarum mentione, sic proponitur: *Data area Trilinei, inter lineas absidum, & veri motus, nec non peripheriam Ellipticam intercepti, invenire Angulum ad Solem.* Habent igitur à *Keplero* respondum, qui illi *æquationes* objiciunt; nim. *Eant ipsi & Schema solvant.*

Quamvis autem religio fuerit *Keplero*, ab Hypothesi, quam *Naturam esse* planè persuasum habebat, recedere; quidni liberum foret aliis periculum facere, num via quævis alia detur, inæqualitatem Planetarum primam directo Calculo investigandi? Ideoque Vir Clariss. *Ism. Bullialdus* agressus est ratiocinio Geometrico indagare, quā semitā, & quibus intentionis ac remissionis gradibus conveniret Planetas ferri, ut ab æquabili incessū norma, Astronomis ante *Keplerum* assumptā, ad eam, quam spectamus, inæqualitatem perduceremur. Perennant Illustrissimi viri monu-

monumenta, unde omnem hujus Inventi rationem haurire licet Astrophilis. Amplexus eandem Reverendiss. *Seth. Wardus*, primum ostendit, paria facere cum linea æquabilis motū circa alterum Ellipsoes umbilicum gyrata; deinde & Calculi directi methodo ornavit eā, quam paulò ante recitavimus: Ita ut nil amplius desiderari posset, quām ut *Urania* felicibus cæptis annueret. Cujus quidem nomine suscipere ausus fuit Illustris. Comes *Paganus*, edito, biennio post, ejusdem ferè tenoris Scripto, adeò veram esse Hypothesin, ut deprehensam circa Octantes discrepantiam, Astronomorum incitiae tributam mallet. At Cl. *Bullialdus*, audiendam potius ipsam Astronomiam ratus, Observatorum ore loquentem, secundis curis, adhibita prioribus Inventis limitatione quadam, discrepantiam illam exterminavit. Unde porrò intelligitur, Hypothesin illam, cui Cl. *Cassini* investigationem Apogeorum & Excentricitatum superstruit, tantundem ferè deficere à vero quantum Cl. *Bullaldi* limitatio po'let, atque ab illo defectu pullulare eum quem suprà notavimus, Calculi à Cœlo dissensum.

Tantum vero abest, ut de Eximii Viri Inventione vel minimum delibatum velim, ut quicquid hujus lucubratiunculae non hausi ex Reverendiss. *Wardo*, vel *Herigono*, id omne Ipsi libentissimè acceptum referam, qui an-sun nobis præbuit hæc altius considerandi. Nec dubitamus, quin omnia ista multò uberiori ac luculentiori in promisso *Traictatu* exposita propediem reperturi simus, cujus Editionem maturam, pro eo qno flagramus divinissimæ Scientiæ amore, perquām avidè exspectamus.

#### An Account of Three Books.

I. *Esercizi intorno alla Generazione Degli Insetti, fatte da Franciso Redi, Accademico della Crusca. In Firenze, A. 1668. in 4o.*

The Learned and Ingenious Author of this Book, lately come to the Publishers hands, though not yet (which is much disliked by the curious) into our Stationers Shops, doth with much industry undertake therein to evince, that there is no such thing as *Aequivocal Generation* but that every Animal is generated by the seed of another Animal, (its parent,) or, at least, from some Living and un-corrupted Plant, as out of Oak-Apples, and several Protuberances and Excrescencies of Vegetables.

First then, in the asserting of the *Universal* and true Generation of Insects by a peculiar and paternal Seed, the Author positively affirms, that he could never find, by all the Experiments and Observations, he ever made (of which he relateth a great number, by himself made upon all sorts of Animals) that ever any Insects were bred from Flesh, or Fish, or putrefied Plants, or any other Bodies, but such, as Flies had access unto, and scatter'd their seed upon; he having taken extraordinary care and pains to observe, that alwayes on the Flesh, before it did verminate, there late Flies of the self same kind with those, that were afterwards produc'd thence; and again, that no Worms would ever come from any Flesh in Vessels well cover'd, and defended from the access of Flies; so that to him there is no generation of Insects from any dead Animals, but such as have been fly-blown.

And least it should be objected, that the reason, why in vessels exactly clos'd, no Insect breeds, is the want of Air, necessary to all Generation, He hath carefully covered several vessels with very fine Naples-vaile, for the Air to enter, though Flyes could not; but that no worms at all were bred there, notwithstanding that many Flyes swarmed about them, invited by the smel of the Flesh inclosed therein.

Secondly, to make out the other part of his Position. viz. That those Animals that are not bred by the seed of other Animals, are produced from some live Plant, or its Excre-

Fig. II.

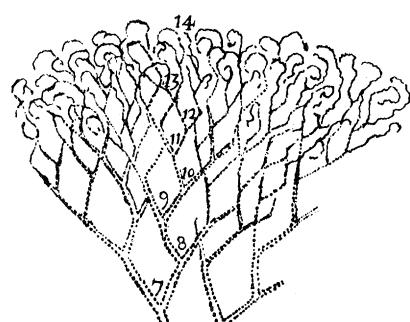
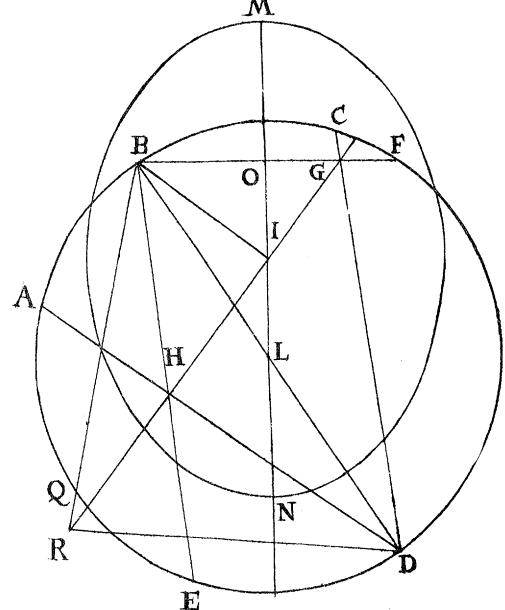


Fig. III.

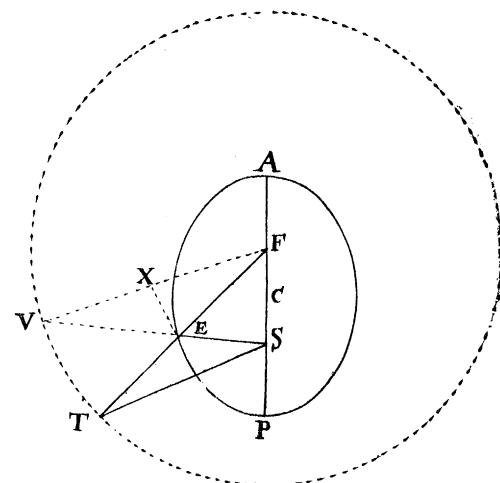


Fig. I.

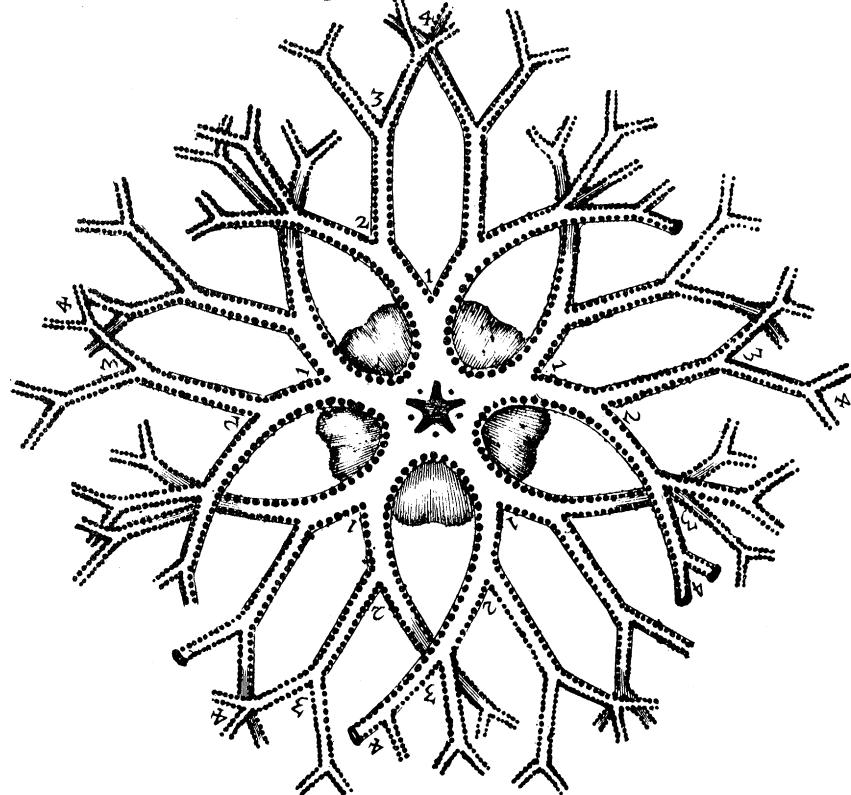


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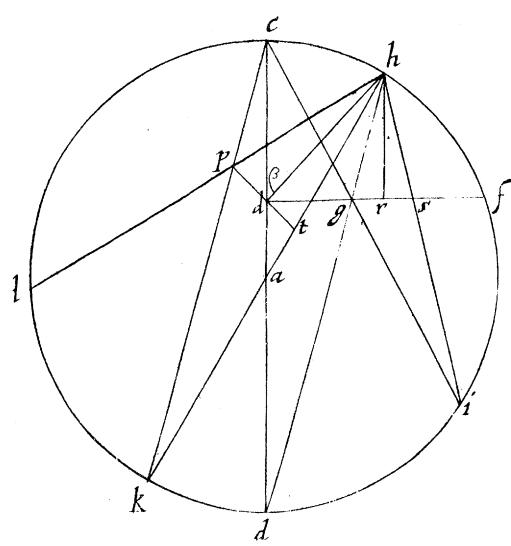


Fig. V.

